

Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC)

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IMERC

- Created by NEWMOA Directors -- 2001
- Current Members: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT
- Open to Other States
- Provide ongoing technical & programmatic assistance to states that have enacted provisions of the Mercury Education & Reduction Model Legislation

IMERC Purpose

- Assist states implement mercury reduction requirements
- Facilitate review of mercury-added product data
- Provide a single point of contact for industry & the public for information on mercury-added products & member states' mercury education and reduction programs
- Facilitate deliberations that provide advice and assistance to the individual states for their decision-making

IMERC Functions

- Collect & manage notification data
- Collaborate on public education & outreach programs
- Make information on mercury-added products available & respond to requests for information
- Provide assistance to the member states concerning (i) manufacturers' applications for exemptions to the phase-out of mercury-added products; (ii) manufacturers' applications for alternative labeling; & (iii) manufacturers' plans for collection.

Notification

- CT, ME, NH, RI require submission of data on mercury-added products
- Creating a repository of the data
- Creating an online database of the information
- Plan to post online summer 2002

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